

Field of the Invention

The present invention is related generally to a signalling system and in particular to an apparatus and method in by which a signalling point communicates with itself using loops.--;

5 before line 2, insert --

Description of the Related Art--;

 after line 22, insert --

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

 in line 25, delete "a system according to claim 1." and insert --a signalling
10 means for processing signalling messages, including links via which the signalling
 means is connected to other signalling means, at least one signalling system that
 sends signalling messages to other signal means or, respectively, receives
 signalling messages from these via said links, a signalling system that respectively
 allocates a signalling network identity to a link; and at least one link that is
15 returned in a loop from the signalling point to the same signalling point, what is
 referred to as a loop link, whereby different signalling network identities are
 allocated to the loop link at the output and input side by the signalling system.--;

 after line 25, insert --

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

20 Figure 1 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the
 invention for the interworking in a signalling point;

 Figure 2 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the
 invention for the load generation;

 Figure 3 shows routing tables in the point codes X, 1 and 3 belonging to
25 the embodiment in Figure 2, i.e. in the different networks of the signalling point
 supported by the system;

Figure 4 is a block diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention for the interworking in combined broadband and narrowband systems;

Figure 5 is a schematic diagram which shows an embodiment of the invention wherein an operator offers inter-network STP services to a number of other network operators; and

Figure 6 shows routing tables belonging to the embodiment in Figure 5.--;

after line 27, insert --

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

On page 2, in line 1, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 3, in line 1, delete "Said" and insert --The--;
in line 10, delete "[sic]"; and
in line 15, delete "said" and insert --the--.

On page 4, in line 26, delete "[sic]".

On page 5, in line 4, delete "[!!!!!!!!]";
in line 16, before "primary" insert --a--; and
after line 22, add the following new paragraph --

Although other modifications and changes may be suggested by those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.